

SAWYER COUNTY MARKET ANIMAL SALE COMMITTEE

4-H MARKET LARGE ANIMAL LIVESTOCK PROJECT

Adopted March 10, 2013

PURPOSE:

1. To support a first hand experience in production agriculture with a focus on meat animals, i.e. steers, hogs and lambs.
2. To further the interest and education of youth and their families in raising of livestock for market.
3. Support youth in developing life skills, i.e. record keeping, reporting, management, responsibility, etc.
4. Engage youth in reaching meat industry standards by employing effective management practices.
5. Help youth understand marketing and profitability through project work.

MEMBERSHIP:

- Any 4-H member, third grade through one year post high school, may participate. Members enroll in the beef, sheep or swine projects and maintain in good standing in 4-H.
- All re-contracting will be done at project orientation, TBA within the first two weeks of November.
- If members are not able to be present a family representative must attend.
- First time enrolling 4-H members who come into 4-H after orientation must sign on and must arrange for an orientation with a Board Member. Members must be enrolled for this program prior to Quality Assurance Training.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK RULES

1. All animals must be in the exhibitor's possession by initial weigh-in.
2. **Any animal exhibiting unruly and/or unsafe behavior may be removed from the fairgrounds and become ineligible for sale. This decision would be at the discretion of the Fair Association and supported by the Market Animal Sale Committee.**
3. All animals must be maintained and shown by exhibitor. **Chores are expected to be done by 10 a.m. daily. All members are expected to maintain their animal exhibits daily until lights out in the barn at 10 p.m.**
4. A 4-H member may sell a maximum of two large animals, of different species, at this sale. If raising multiple animals of the same species, you are expected to sell the animal of the highest quality.
5. Project animals must be entered in the Sawyer County Fair by Exhibitor Entry deadline to be eligible for sale. See Annual Calendar. **Entries must be made in market class, showmanship and carcass.**
6. **A 10 %** sales commission will be assessed to cover the costs incurred conducting this sale, such as promotion, transportation for animals to slaughter facilities, etc. Transportation to slaughter costs will be taken care of by the Executive Board from the assessed commission for all sale animals. Sellers of hogs, beef and lambs will be required to participate in the promotion check off. Buyers will incur slaughter costs.
7. Private sale of animals not qualifying for the sale cannot be negotiated until after the sale event is concluded. Youth should report to the barn area to negotiate sales. For sale

signs may be posted after the sale. **Transportation for unsold animals to slaughter will be provided at a cost of \$5 per head pending space available.**

8. Exhibitors, Parents, and Siblings are entitled to ONE bid only on their animal. This is intended to be used should the animal bring less than market price on the auction block.
9. Once an animal is sold, it becomes the property of the buyer. However, the exhibitor has the responsibility of caring for said animal until it leaves the Fairgrounds. Failure of the exhibitor to comply with this rule may result in being ineligible for the next year's sale.
10. Each participant will be expected to serve barn duty time.
11. All animals for this project must be castrated males, except in hogs where a gilt and lambs where a ewe may be raised. Animals determined to have incomplete or late castration will not be sold. Health inspection of hogs is required to be done on the farm.
12. Proper withholding time must be observed for any drugs used on animals to be sold at the Fair. Release statements are necessary for feed additives and/or implants.
13. The judge has the right to determine weight division relative to weights and numbers of animals at the fair. Animals must be weighed on the designated livestock scale. An impartial appointee of the Market Animal Sale Committee must verify weight. Weight and ownership must be recorded on forms provided by the UWEX Office at the initial weigh-in. Youth are to be present or appoint someone to bring their animal on and off the weigh scale in an orderly fashion prescribed by the Board. An animal will be allowed only one pass over the scale.
14. All exhibitors not having complete ownership in their animals at the initial weigh-in are to provide the MASC with a copy of a written agreement between the exhibitor and the other owners of the animal. This agreement should explain the terms of ownership, expenses, and any expectations of the owner(s).
15. The committee, pending funds available and/or donations received will determine program incentive awards. If quality of work does not justify an award they may recommend none to be given, i.e. record pages. **Incentives are \$50 cash for best records kept, and \$50 bond for best carcass in each species - (1) Steers; (1) Lambs; and (1) Hogs.**
16. **The livestock project record furnished to participants must be completed and reviewed monthly by the Key Project Leader. All records must be turned in to the weigh clerk at the final weigh-in. All livestock project records will be evaluated for completeness and effort by the Adults of the MASC Executive Board. Sellers that turn in their records after the final weigh-in has concluded will be assessed a \$50 fine, deducted from the proceeds of their animal. Exhibitors that fail to turn in their monthly project records prior to judging will not be eligible to sell in the sale. Final weigh-in will be at the Fair, day and time to be announced.**
17. Judging of market animals will be scheduled and announced prior to fair. Members are expected to show in both market and showmanship classes. If a member is incapacitated and cannot show a request of substitution must be approved by the Market Animal Sale Committee prior to the show.
18. The order in which animals will be sold will be determined by the MASC at the pre-sale meeting.
19. In the event that an animal is purchased and donated back to the seller, and the seller wishes to re-sell the animal, the seller will receive the highest bid and be assessed the

sellers fee from the highest bid and all other monies will be considered a donation to the MASC.

20. The Market Animal Sale will be held at the Sawyer County Fair on a time agreed upon by Market Animal Sale Committee and Sawyer County Fair Board. Sellers are asked to have photos taken and to post a thank you to buyers by their animal after the sale.
21. In order to participate in the sale, each exhibitor must attend 6 hours of project-related educational opportunities **in addition to Quality Assurance Training**. Obtain the instructors signature on your records as proof of attendance. Approved independent study projects may be substituted for a workshop. Youth have the responsibility of arranging an independent study by calling the Key Project Leader. **Youth who have completed 3 consecutive years of Quality Assurance Training may be excused from training if they pass the current Quality Assurance Training test prior to the workshop.* All project meetings and other educational experiences should be outlined in your monthly project reports and included with your 4-H Record Book.
22. Exhibitors are expected to prepare a **thank-you card with a personalized note enclosed** to the buyer(s). You should bring the card to the Post Auction Meeting, stamped, addressed and ready to mail--BUT NOT SEALED. It will be read, checked off, and dropped in the mailbox. Checks will be distributed after cards are approved. Buyer photographs should be delivered in person as soon as they are received! Do not delay!
23. Parents of sale participants are considered members of the sale committee and are encouraged to attend project meetings and are expected to offer assistance with the project and sale as needed. ****REMEMBER**** Three meetings will require attendance by an adult and the youth member. They are: the Orientation/Contract Meeting; the Pre-Sale Planning Meeting and the Post Sale Meeting. **A \$50 will be assessed for every meeting absence of the youth participant. Only in an emergency or dire situation may you appoint another person to represent your family. Communicate your situation to the Chairman prior to an absence or if they cannot be done, ask the Board's consideration to be excused.**
24. Each participant is required to secure, in writing, a minimum of 3 potential bidders per individual or 7 different potential bidders per family of 3 or more youth. Bidder packets will be sent to each family in June and participants are expected to deliver packets to potential bidders in July. Bidder cards will be handed in at the Pre-Auction Meeting one month before the Fair.
25. Members must meet achievement criteria for the project year in their individual clubs or they will not be allowed to sell the following year, i.e. green 4-H record book completion, attendance at meetings, etc. **Even if you do not sell you are expected to complete your financial records for each species raised and your green record book to complete the project.** Check with your club leader if unsure of criteria. Club leaders will be asked to confirm your compliance on a check list. Record books are due to UWEX Office on date set by Leaders Association. **Late record books will make you ineligible to sell at the following sale.**

Rules for Beef and Dairy Steer Exhibitors

1. All steers must be born after **January 1st of year prior to the sale.** The Committee suggests an initial weight of between 500# and 700# for the project. There is no maximum weight for the initial weigh-in. No horns are allowed. Scurs are acceptable, but discouraged, and not allowed if longer than 2 inches.
2. **All steer exhibitors must be at least 9 years old and at least in the 3th grade at 4-H fall enrollment time and have prior experience showing a haltered animal (beef or dairy).** If an exhibitor is older they do not need prior experience to show a steer.

3. Any beef breed or crossbreed or straight dairy steer is eligible. Only steers may be weighed in and any animal found to have not been completely castrated prior to the initial weigh in according to the MASC Executive board, shall be ineligible to sell in the sale.
4. All steers must be weighed by **December 30, year prior to the sale.** According to appointments established by the weigh-in team. It is the owner's responsibility to have the animal(s) halter broke for weigh in, be present to lead the animal(s) on and off the scale, and assist with tagging. All steers must be properly haltered and under control when moving in and off trailers or being led to wash racks or other designated livestock areas at the fair. Work on handling a steer should be done throughout the project.
5. Three steers may be weighed and registered by each exhibitor.
6. All animals will be tagged at initial weigh in with official project tags provided by the weigh committee.
7. All steers must be graded **high select or higher** to be eligible for the project sale. Animals will be graded at the time they are judged live during the fair. There are no minimum or maximum weights. **Steers must meet live grade standards to be eligible for the carcass show evaluation.**
8. The committee recommends that all steers should be periodically weighed and feeding and management practices adjusted to insure the best quality animal is raised for this sale. Use of a standard weigh tape will suffice.

Rules for Lamb Exhibitors

1. All spring lambs should be born after **February 1st of year of the sale.** **Lambs must weigh no more than 65 pounds at the initial weigh-in.**
2. All lambs must be weighed in **April** of the year of the fair at the Sawyer County Fairgrounds. You are urged to locate lambs early. The longer you wait the more difficult it will be to find stock. If you intend to buy a club lamb at sales the day of weigh in, call to make special weigh and tag arrangements.
3. **Three** lambs, either wethers or ewes, may be weighed and registered at this time. All lambs should be handled regularly to insure safe handling at weigh -in and at the fair.
4. All animals will be tagged at initial weigh-in with an official project tag provided by the weigh committee.
5. All castrated males must be healed by the initial weigh-in.
6. Minimum weight at the time of final weigh-in will be **100 pounds.** There will be no maximum weight for lambs but a typical ideal market weight usually ranges from 120# to 130# depending on the breed and frame of the animal.
7. **Only lambs grading prime or choice will be eligible for the sale.**
8. The committee recommends lambs be periodically weighed and feeding and management practices adjusted to insure the best quality animal is raised for this sale. Early weights can be done on a bathroom scale.
9. Judges discretion is honored in determining live grade. **Lambs must meet weight and live grade standards to be eligible for carcass show evaluation.**
10. **It is recommended that market lambs be "slick shorn" (a second shearing to within 1/8" and 1/4") as close to fair week as possible.**

Rules for Hog Exhibitors

1. All hogs should be born after **February 1st of the year of the Fair. The hogs must weigh no more than 65# at the initial weigh-in.** Barrows (castrated males) or gilts may be raised for the sale.
2. All hogs must be weighed in **April** of the year of the Fair at the Sawyer County fairgrounds. **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Please allow ample time before weigh-in to locate hogs for this project due to limited availability of stock in our area. All hogs should be handled regularly to insure safe handling at weigh- in and at the fair.
3. **Three** hogs, barrows or gilts may be weighed and registered at this time; **only 2 hogs may be entered in the Sawyer County Fair and only one hog may be sold at auction.**
4. All animals will be tagged at initial weigh in with official project tags provided by the weigh committee. **Vaccinations for swine erysipelas must be done on or prior to initial weigh-in day.**
5. All castrated males must be healed by the initial weigh-in.
6. Minimum weight at the time of final weigh-in will be **230#.** There will be no maximum weight. The Wisconsin State Health Regulations regarding pseudo rabies has been suspended for our region. Hogs that are underweight for the sale may return to the farm to be fed out and slaughtered later.
7. The committee recommends hogs be periodically weighed (at least 30 days prior to sale) and feeding and management practices adjusted to insure the best quality animal is raised for this sale.

PARENT AND MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

All parents and youth are considered to be members of the project committee. As such, they are responsible for sharing in the following:

- Honor and respect decisions made by the Executive Board.
- Assist at weigh-ins and shows.
- Contribute to decisions made for project operation/contract.
- Share leadership in developing and carrying out project educational activities.
- Plan and carry out all aspects of the annual sale.
- Do shift work in the 4-H Food Booth
- Make decisions relative to budget and use of funds generated.
- Assist with project record keeping and evaluation.
- Promote the livestock industry to consumers.
- Promote pride in youth, the project and their livestock.
- Support members and volunteers with good attendance at project trainings.

2012 Sawyer County MARKET ANIMAL SALE COMMITTEE

Adult Directors

Donald Hamblin, Chairman,
Pat Eaton, Vice Chairman,
Tweed Shuman

Youth Directors

Beef – Kevin Henk

Sheep – Jacob Henk
Swine – Hunter Rhea
Poultry/Rabbits – Evan Adair

MARKET ANIMAL COMMITTEE

All 4-H members and their parents and project volunteer leaders.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

These Key Leaders will make arrangements for market animal workshops or educational events. Other youth leaders and parents are encouraged to assist whenever possible.

*** People who accept your monthly project reports.**

LAMBS

Key Project Leaders

TBA

Resource Leaders

TBA

BEEF

Key Project Leaders

TBA

Resource Leaders

TBA

HOGS

Key Project Leaders

TBA

Resource Leaders

TBA

POULTRY/WATERFOWL

Key Project Leaders

TBA

Resource Leader

TBA

RABBITS

Key Project Leader

TBA

Resource Leaders

TBA

**GENERAL RESOURCE
LEADER**

Joey Johnson 715-558-3519

Bob Shamro 715-634-3132

**Sawyer County 4-H Jr. Livestock Group
MASC Member
CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT**

NOTE: To be completed and turned in on contracting night. You may drop a project at any time but you cannot contract for something else later.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

City/State _____ Zip Code _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

4-H Club _____

Check the project(s) you will be participating in. Be sure to enroll in the project on your annual 4-H enrollment form.

Beef _____ Dairy Steer _____ Sheep _____ Swine _____

Rabbits: _____ Meat Pen _____ Single Fryer _____ Roaster
Rabbit

Poultry: _____ Capons _____ Roaster Chickens _____ Broiler
Chickens
_____ Young Duck _____ Young Goose _____ Young Turkey

If completing the project with a managerial partner, identify your partner here:

I have reviewed and acknowledge all MASC guidelines and documents and agree to abide by the rules and fulfill my obligations as a 4-H member and 4-H parent/guardian.

_____ Date _____

4-H Member Signature

Date

4-H Parent/Guardian Signature